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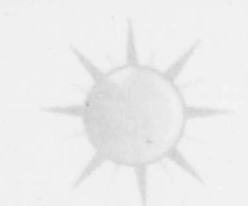
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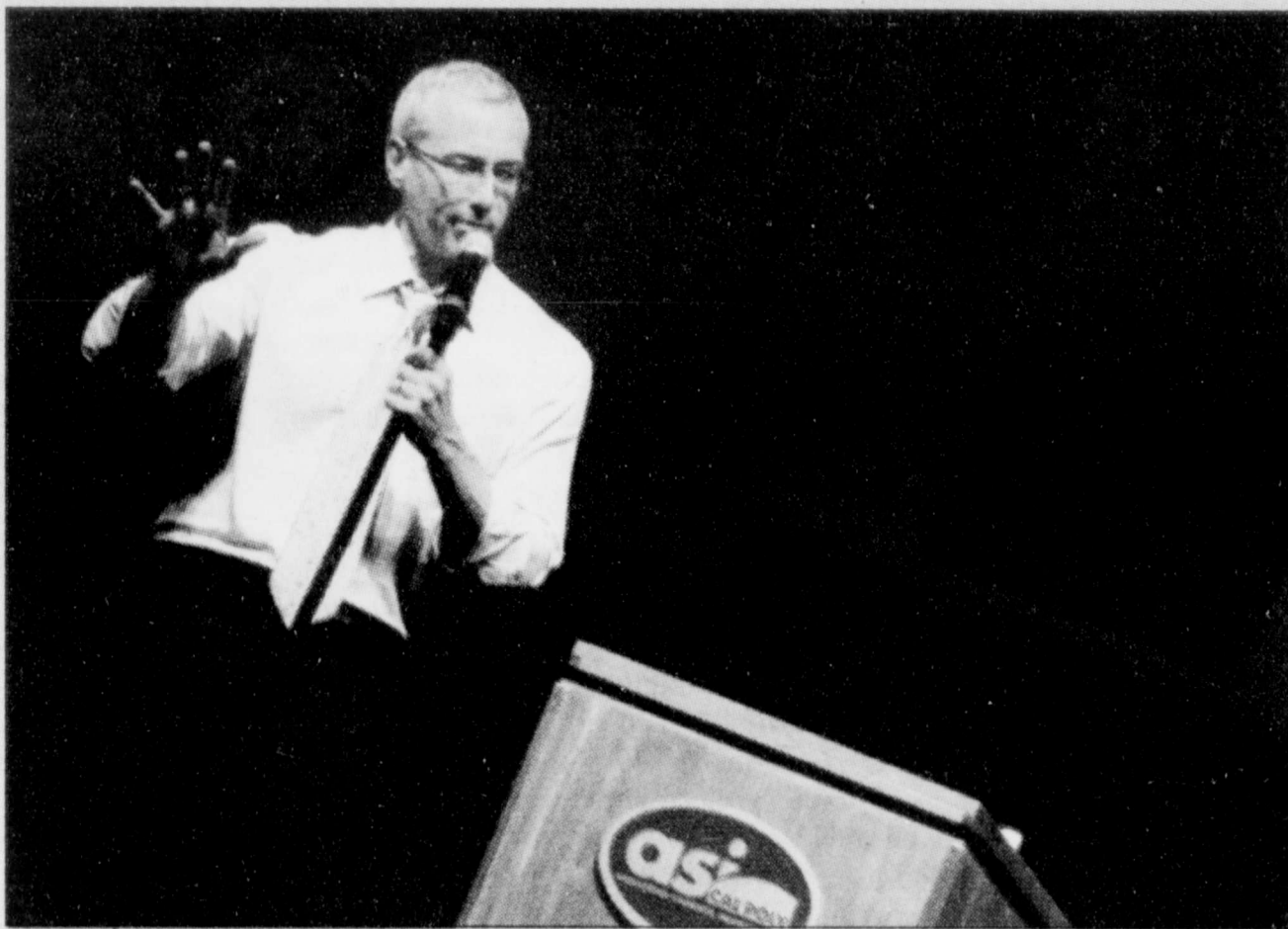


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Dr. Drew dishes it out



RYAN POLEI MUSTANG DAILY

In spite of Thursday's sweltering heat, Dr. Drew Pinsky discussed drug- and sex-related topics with students in the Recreation Center. For an in-depth look at his visit, read the arts section Monday.

Garden Street Terraces approved

Kory Harbeck

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Garden Street Terraces, a hotel, residential and retail complex proposed for downtown San Luis Obispo, received a major boost when the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association delivered a "vote of confidence" for the project.

The area for the proposal is the block between Garden and Broad streets between Higuera and Marsh streets. The location is currently home to a parking lot, several stores, restaurants, bars and Bubblegum Alley.

The project consists of a 70-room hotel

with a restaurant and café, 25,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, 53 residential units, and 162 parking spaces. It would also implement city-approved enhancements to Garden Street that have previously lacked funding for completion.

The project is currently in the planning stages at City Hall, but that has not stopped the developer, Westpac Investments Inc., from conducting a public outreach campaign that started in 2005, sending postcards to city residents asking for their opinions and concerns.

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Creek Day focuses on sustainability

Sara Wright

MUSTANG DAILY

Politicians are talking about it. Rapper Tommy Lee and rapper Ludacris' reality show "Battle-ground Earth" revolves around it. Sustainability and ecological awareness are growing more important to people around the world, so why not start working toward it at Brizzolara Creek on campus?

Seventy-two students endured the heat Thursday to participate in Creek Day as part of the Brizzolara Creek Education and Outreach Program and the senior project of Kevin Waldron, a city and regional planning senior working under assistant professor Adrienne Greve.

Waldron considers this an outlet for students to practice environmentalism.

"Here, environmentalism is becoming a buzzword," he said. "People all agree that they're great words — environmental stewardship, for instance — but do people actually put their time into it?"

"All you can do is give students an opportunity and hope they take it."

Creek Day involved three components: creek cleanup, which encompassed the area of the creek from the miscellaneous sports fields through Poly Canyon, minus the section of the creek within the Poly Canyon Village construction zone; wetland rehabilitation of a small section of the creek on the other side of the construction site; and gravel pit rehabilitation within Poly Canyon.

For the creek cleanup, volunteers picked up trash and brought full bags back to Dexter Lawn.

"A lot of people say (the creek) is trashy because their only knowledge of it is from the bridge between the parking lots and Campus Market," Waldron said. "They forget the gorgeous areas of the creek."

The wetland rehabilitation was meant to protect native plants and ensure their livelihood by eradicating invasive species and "giving them the best possible chance to succeed."

The gravel pit, which used to be mined for red

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California's top court legalizes gay marriage

Lisa Leff

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SAN FRANCISCO — California's Supreme Court declared Thursday that gay couples in the nation's biggest state can marry — a monumental but perhaps short-lived victory for the gay rights movement greeted with tears, hugs, kisses and at least one instant proposal of matrimony.

Same-sex couples could tie the knot in as little as a month. But the window could close soon after — religious and social conservatives are pressing to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November that would undo the Supreme Court ruling and ban gay marriage.

"Essentially, this boils down to love. We love each other. We now have equal rights under the law," declared a jubilant Robin Tyler, a plaintiff in the case along with her partner. She added: "We're going to get married. No Tupperware, please."

A crowd of people raised their fists in triumph inside City Hall, and people wrapped themselves in the rainbow-colored gay-pride flag outside the courthouse. In the Castro, the historic center of the gay community in San Francisco, Tim Oviatt wept as he watched the news on TV.

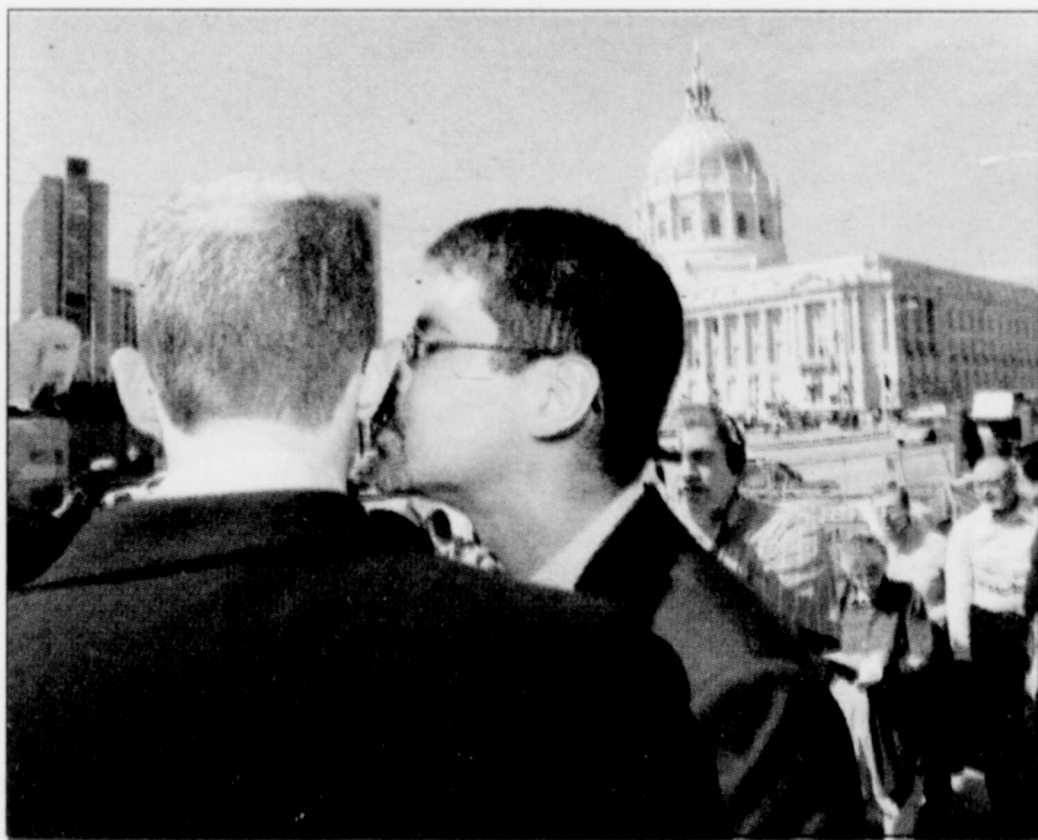
"I've been waiting for this all my life. This is a life-affirming moment," he said.

By the afternoon, gay and lesbian couples had already started lining up at San Francisco City Hall to make appointments to get marriage licenses. In West Hollywood, supporters were planning to serve "wedding cake" at an evening celebration.

James Dobson, chairman of the conservative Christian group Focus on the Family, called the ruling an "outrage."

"It will be up to the people of California to preserve traditional marriage by passing a constitutional amendment. ... Only then can they protect themselves from this latest example of judicial tyranny," he said in an e-mail statement.

In its 4-3 ruling, the Republican-dominated high court struck down state laws against same-sex marriage and said domestic partnerships that provide many of the rights and benefits of matrimony are not enough.



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Stuart Gaffney, right, kisses his partner of 21 years, John Lewis, after hearing the decision on same-sex marriages outside the State Supreme Court.

"In contrast to earlier times, our state now recognizes that an individual's capacity to establish a loving and long-term committed relationship with another person and responsibly to care for and raise children does not depend upon the individual's sexual orientation," Chief Justice Ronald George wrote for the majority in ringing language that delighted gay rights activists.

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Massachusetts is the only other state to legalize gay marriage, something it did in 2004. The California ruling is considered monumental by virtue of the state's size — 38 million out of a U.S. population of 302 million — and its historic role in the vanguard of the many social and cultural changes that have swept the country since World War II.

California has an estimated 92,000 same-sex couples.

"It's about human dignity. It's about human rights. It's about time in California," San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, pumping his fist in the air, told a roaring crowd at City Hall. "As California goes, so goes the rest of the nation. It's inevitable.

This door's wide open now. It's going to happen, whether you like it or not."

Unlike Massachusetts, California has no residency requirement for obtaining a marriage license, meaning gays from around the country are likely to flock to the state to be wed, said Jennifer Pizer, a gay-rights attorney who worked on the case.

The ultimate reach of the ruling could be limited, however, since most states do not recognize gay marriages performed elsewhere. Nor does the federal government.

The conservative Alliance Defense Fund said it would ask the justices for a stay of the decision until after the fall election in hopes of adding California to the list of 26 states that have approved constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage.

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rock, was divided into three sections: the horseshoe, for the planting of 40 new oak trees, which are often dormant in Poly Canyon; the pit, for catching basins and planting prickly pear cactus (which are indigenous to California); and bank stabilization.

Neal Wilden, a civil engineering senior, volunteered at the gravel pit.

"I think it's nice how students can work together and put the effort together to help the environment," he said.

Waldron has made plans to ensure Creek Day is not just a one-time thing.

"Anyone can do something once," he said. Therefore, he is pushing for the San Luis Obispo Countywide Creek Day organization to take it on in the future. The group holds a creek day in San Luis Obispo County every fall but hasn't worked with Brizzolara Creek in the past.

Many groups provided funding

for Creek Day, including the Empower Poly Coalition, Surfrider and the National Association of Environmental Professionals. All of the vegetation was donated for the project as well, so Waldron spent only \$300 of his own money.

The project began as a long-term monitoring project under Waldron's senior project adviser Greve, with whom he took an urban ecology course in fall 2007.

"I had the document, but I wanted something practical to see results as well," he said.

Once Cal Poly decided to begin construction on Poly Canyon Village, the land around Brizzolara Creek "went from cattle-grazing land to 2,700 students." Having construction means different runoff patterns, resulting in different materials ending up in the creek.

"The goal first and foremost was to have a healthy creek to support the wildlife there," Waldron said. "As a polytechnic university, it's important because you have a perfect opportunity for everyone to get into awareness. It's a really cool option as a living lab."

Terraces

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The public comment period just closed, and now the comments will be reviewed by the environmental consultant, who should issue a response by late July in time to go before the planning committee in August.

"People are more excited than not; the majority of the responses have been very positive," said Carol Florence, principal planner for Oasis Associates, a landscape architect and project planning agency in charge of Garden Street Terraces.

"San Luis Obispo is not like other urban centers in the sense that we don't have a lot of residential in the downtown area," Florence said. "We are very hopeful and positive that this project will work very well to maintain and enhance downtown vitality."

Members of the community who checked the box to request more information will be invited to a special hearing next month. Details are not yet available.

Some criticisms of the project include the building's size and height, as well as the fate of historical buildings on location. Developers have proposed to move the historic buildings and assure the community that the plan meets all city zoning regulations.

George Garcia, a Cal Poly alumnus and head architect for the project, anticipates construction to take between 18 and 20 months.

Most of the staging for the construction will take

place internally within the block, reducing the obstruction of street and pedestrian traffic in the area.

"The big issue is with existing businesses and minimizing the effect on them as much as possible," Garcia said. "Making sure their customers have full access and they have plenty of notice concerning closures to accommodate their needs. Our priority is not to be a hardship."

He added that all the businesses have been extremely positive and see the potential benefit for the city. At the heart of the matter is creating a hotel downtown, since the closest options currently are Apple Farm Inn on Monterey Street or Embassy Suites at Madonna Plaza.

If the proposal were to go forward, Garden Street would be home to a privately owned, non-franchised hotel that city planners hope will bring in visitors to revitalize business downtown.

The project as designed is also capable of a silver award from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

"From the get-go, it has been designed to be as sustainable as possible," Garcia said.

Most of the businesses that will be affected by the project reside in unreinforced masonry buildings that require retrofittings by 2012, meaning construction, relocation and possible closures are in the future for downtown, even without Garden Street Terraces.

The fate of Bubblegum Alley has not yet been decided, but developers have implied they will act in accordance with city planners and community opinion.

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WORD ON THE STREET

"What is the best sunny day activity?"

Compiled and photographed by Rachel Glas

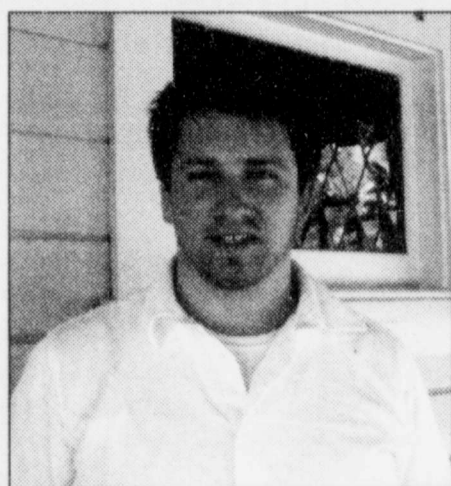


"I like to go wakeboarding. It's a family tradition."

— Athena Lawson,
political science and
journalism junior

"I like to eat lunch in the University Union."

— Brandon Rolle,
music junior



"I like going to the beach with friends and reading a book."

— Inna Treyger,
business junior

"I like hanging out with Inna!"

— Melissa Feldman,
business junior



State

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The commission responsible for cleaning runaway sewage along the U.S.-Mexico border says it will upgrade an existing government wastewater plant in San Diego instead of paying a developer to build a new plant in Tijuana.

Thursday's decision by the International Boundary and Water Commission appears to end a decade-long gambit by private Bajagua to win millions in U.S. contracts to pump wastewater back to Mexico.

The commission is under federal court order to raise Mexican wastewater to U.S. standards by September but is seeking an extension.

WALNUT CREEK (AP)

— Today is the first Spare the Air Day of the smog season, but there aren't any free rides on Bay Area transit systems.

Air quality officials are ending the practice of providing free rides on smoggy days because federal grant money to cover the cost is running out.

Critics have long contended that the \$2 million to cover a free day of transportation was too expensive.

So this year, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission will set one day for free rides.

National

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

Republican presidential contender John McCain on Thursday listed a series of prospective first-term accomplishments, including winning the war in Iraq, although he said he was not backtracking on his criticism of Democrats for favoring immediate troop withdrawals.

In a mystical speech that also envisioned Osama bin Laden dead or captured and Americans with the choice of paying a simple flat tax or following their standard 1040 form, the Arizona senator for the first time set an outer limit for the war, even if he hedged on a specific end date.

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama accused President Bush on Thursday of launching a "false political attack" with a comment about appeasing terrorists and radicals.

The Illinois senator interpreted the remark as a slam against him, but the White House denied that Bush's words were in any way directed at Obama.

In a speech to Israel's Knesset, Bush said, "Some seem to believe that we should negotiate with the terrorists and radicals, as if some ingenious argument will persuade them they have been wrong all along."

International

BUCHAREST, Romania

(AP) — A mother bear and her young cub stopped traffic and caused panic Thursday in central Romania after they roamed through gardens in search of food and finally climbed the stairs of a 4-story building, breaking onto the roof.

A rescue team tranquilized the mother after failing to steer her toward a nearby forest, officials said.

Residents had reported that the bear and her cub were wandering through gardens and breaking fences in search of food in downtown Brasov. Traffic was stopped for two hours as a team tried to get the animals back to the wilderness.

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— President Hugo Chavez on Wednesday warned Colombia not to allow a U.S. military base on its border with Venezuela, saying he would consider such an act an "aggression."

Chavez said he would not permit Colombia's U.S.-backed government to establish an American military base in La Guajira, a region spanning northeastern Colombia and northwestern Venezuela.

The Venezuelan leader said if Colombia allows the base, his government will revive a decades-old territorial conflict and stake a claim to the entire region.

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Chinese wonder if animals can predict earthquakes

Henry Sanderson

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First, the water level in a pond inexplicably plunged. Then thousands of toads appeared on streets in a nearby province. Finally, just hours before China's worst earthquake in three decades, animals at a local zoo began acting strangely.

As bodies are pulled from the wreckage of Monday's quake, Chinese online chat rooms and blogs are buzzing with a question: Why didn't these natural signs alert the government that a disaster was coming?

"If the seismological bureau were professional enough, they could have predicted the earthquake ten days earlier, when several thousand cubic meters of water disappeared within an hour in Hubei, but the bureau there dismissed it," one commentator wrote.

In fact, seismologists say, it is nearly impossible to predict when and where an earthquake will strike.

Several countries, including China, have sought to use changes in nature — mostly animal behavior — as an early warning sign. But so far, no reliable way has been found to use animals to predict earthquakes, said Roger Musson, a seismologist with the British Geological Survey.

But that has not stopped a torrent of online discussion. Even the mainstream media has chimed in, with an article in Tuesday's China Daily newspaper questioning why the government did not predict the earthquake.

Online commentators say the first sign came about three weeks ago, when large amounts of water suddenly disappeared from a pond in Enshi city in Hubei province, around 350 miles east of the epicenter, according to media reports.

Then, three days before the earthquake, thousands of toads roamed the streets of Mianzhu, a hard-hit city where at least 2,000 people have been reported killed.

Mianzhu residents feared the toads were a sign of an approaching natural disaster, but a local forestry bureau official said it was normal, the Huaxi Metropolitan newspaper reported May 10, two days before the earthquake.

The day of the earthquake, zebras were banging their heads against a door at the zoo in Wuhan, more than 600 miles east of the epicenter, according to the Wuhan Evening Paper.

Elephants swung their trunks wildly, almost hitting a staff



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A street in Chengdu, China is covered by water after a water pipe blew out during a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. Just before the quake hit, animals in local zoos acted oddly, causing scientists to believe they knew it was coming.

member. The 20 lions and tigers, which normally would be asleep at midday, were walking around. Five minutes before the quake hit, dozens of peacocks started screeching.

There are a few possible reasons for such behavior, said seismologist Musson. The most likely is that the movement of underground rocks before an earthquake generates an electrical signal that some animals can perceive. Another theory holds that other animals can sense weak shocks before an earthquake that are imperceptible to humans.

Zhang Xiaodong, a researcher at the China Seismological Bureau, said his agency has used natural activity to predict earthquakes 20 times in the past 20 years, but that still represents a small proportion of China's earthquakes.

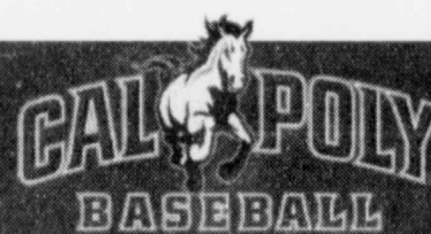
"The problem now is this kind of relationship is still quite

vague," he said.

In winter 1975, Chinese officials ordered the evacuation of the city of Haicheng in northeastern Liaoning province the day before a 7.3 magnitude earthquake, based on reports of unusual animal behavior and changes in ground water levels. Still, more than 2,000 people died. Strange environmental phenomena, including changes in well water levels, were also reported a year later before a 7.6 magnitude earthquake in Tangshan in northeastern China that killed 240,000, Musson said.

A team of Chinese seismologists was sent to the region but didn't find any evidence to suggest an earthquake. As the seismologists were going home, they stopped for the night in Tangshan and were killed in the quake.

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Take a trip around the world, through film

Hayley Bramble
MUSTANG DAILY

Those taking a foreign language or interested in foreign films will have the opportunity to take a cinematic tour of the world with the modern languages and literatures department. From May 19 to 22, the department will present a mini film festival titled "In Four Days Around the World: Movies You Did Not Expect."

Corinna Kahnke, who teaches all German language and literature classes at Cal Poly, organized the festival. She said the films have something new to offer, that they are not just the most obvious or traditional films coming from that country.

"The overall idea is that the films are a little bit unusual," she said.

Kahnke has been screening German crime and horror films this quarter on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. "Benny's Video" (1996), the film she chose for the festival, fits in with this quarter's horror genre and will screen on Wednesday evening. The crime and horror series will continue until the end of the quarter.

The festival includes films in Russian, German, French and Spanish. Each of the four films are subtitled in English and will be shown in the language lab in the Erhart Agriculture building, room 128. The screenings will commence at 7 p.m. and will run until about 9 p.m. with a discussion of the film afterward. Before each film, the Cal Poly instructor who chose the film will introduce it and speak briefly about it to the students. Snacks will also be provided for the festival's patrons.

Kahnke puts on an event for the department each quarter, but the film series, she said, will bring all the languages together for the first time. Her goal for the festival was to put something out where all the students could join together. Kahnke said she uses a lot of film in her lan-

guage and literature classes, and that film is a great tool for learning the everyday speech of a language.

The festival opens Monday with a Russian film, "Kavkazskiy plennik" ("Prisoner of The Mountains," 1996), which will be presented by Tom Trice of the history department, who has studied Russian extensively. The film, based on a story

counter the idiomatic expressions and different accents. Film is "a window into any culture," and "the history of film is so much more dynamic than what Hollywood has to offer," he said.

The series continues on Tuesday with "Diarios de motocicleta" ("The Motorcycle Diaries," 2004), a biographical account of the early travels of Ernesto "Che" Guevara across South America. Kevin Fagan, who teaches Spanish, Italian, philosophy and humanities classes at Cal Poly, will present the film.

"We want to promote Latin American culture here at Cal Poly," Fagan said. "I did the Latin American movie because I lived most of my adult life in Latin America, and my wife is South American."

Fagan, who is the faculty coordinator of the exchange program between Cal Poly and Universidad La Serena in Chile, said he finds the film helpful for students not only to understand the customs, politics and religion of South America, but also the geography of Chile, Perú and Colombia.

"We think it's important to show the reality of South America," he said.

The festival closes on Thursday with the French film "Gouttes d'eau sur pierres brûlantes" ("Water Drops on Burning Rocks," 2000), presented by Brian Kennelly, chair of the modern language and literature department.

Kennelly said that he chose the film because of its curious nature.

"It involves couples, coupling, transsexuality, France, Germany, the 1970s and one of France's most avant-garde directors," he said. Kennelly said French cinema tends to be bolder and more daring than what Americans are used to, but he hopes the students will keep an open mind.

"That's the danger in showing this film, but I think people will like it."



"The Motorcycle Diaries," which chronicles Ernesto "Che" Guevara's life-changing trip across South America — the basis for his Marxist revolutionary ideas later on — will be shown Tuesday as part of the modern language and literature department's international mini film festival.

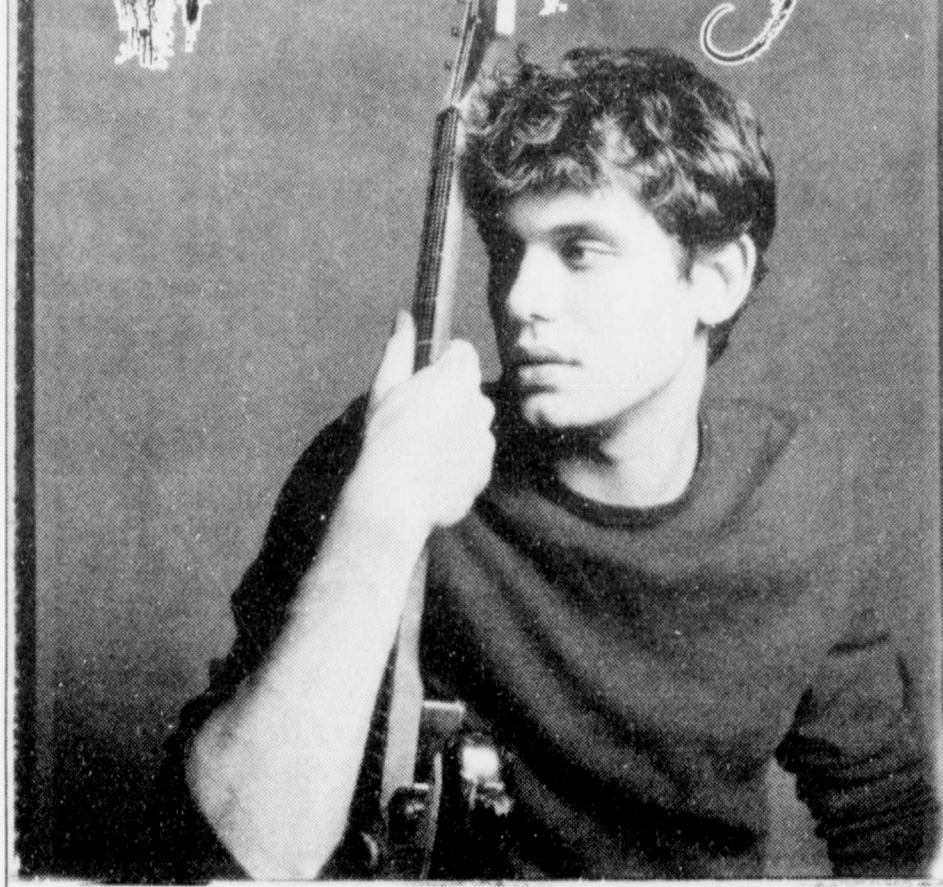
by Leo Tolstoy, is a war drama that recounts the plight of two Russian soldiers who are ambushed and held captive by Muslim rebels as collateral for a man's son being held in a Russian prison.

Trice said he selected the film because, although set in contemporary Russia, it connects modernity with the country's Soviet and imperial pasts — and it is also one of his favorite films.

"In the two major Russian programs I took, they always incorporated film as part of the process," he said.

Trice also said he found cinema helpful in learning the language, for it's one thing to sit in a classroom and learn the language but another to listen to film or radio and en-

2008's Mid-State Fair: the best yet



COURTESY PHOTO

John Mayer will join Stone Temple Pilots, Steely Dan, Toby Keith, Rod Stewart and others in this year's California Mid-State Fair lineup.

Aaron Gaudette
MUSTANG DAILY

Stone Temple Pilots, Steely Dan, Toby Keith, Rod Stewart and John Mayer — no, this isn't a list of current and future members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, although that might hold true. These names are just a taste of the musical cornucopia that the 2008 California Mid-State Fair will be importing for its highly regarded concert series.

"Our fair is very unique in how much we focus on entertainment and how much we spend on the acts," said Tom Keffury, director of marketing and sponsorships for the fair. "As the marquee event during the summer on the Central Coast, we take our fair very seriously, and we want to top it every year."

The lineup for the Budweiser Concert Series this year looks to beat out even the stellar acts featured last year, which included the likes of Aerosmith, Godsmack, Bob Dylan, Leann Rimes and Stevie Nicks. Many of the shows last year quickly sold out — especially Aerosmith — and a majority of the acts this year look to do the same.

"To be able to get names like these to play in little ol' Paso Robles is mind-blowing," Keffury said. "I feel that the lineup this year is the best we've ever had from top to bottom; it features a diverse variety of artists to appeal to a broad range of demographics."

The Budweiser Concert Series takes place during the fair, which runs from July 23 through Aug. 3, on two different stages, the Fort Frontier Stage and the Main Grandstand Stage. The Main Grandstand Stage features bigger-name performers, which requires purchasing separate tickets to attend, while concerts on the Fort Frontier Stage are free with admission.

The Main Grandstand Stage will feature country stars Toby Keith and Alan Jackson, rock legends Steely Dan and Rod Stewart, pop sensations John Mayer and Matchbox Twenty, and alternative rockers Stone Temple Pilots. The popular country band Sawyer Brown will also perform a concert following the Country Rodeo Finals on Aug. 2, and blues rocker Boz Scaggs will be the headliner for "An Evening of Music and Wine" on Aug. 1.

But the Fort Frontier Stage also has its fair share of big names to perform for fairgoers, including artists such as Grand Funk Railroad, Ozomatli, Gary Lewis & the Playboys, The Spinners, and Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers Blues Quartet.

"While rock and country are our biggest sellers, we know that everyone on the lineup is going to be great," Keffury said. "There's a little bit of buzz being created about each of our shows, and that's how we know that we've done a good job. We've been hearing from different people about the different bands we have coming."

Those who remain on the Central Coast for the summer will be treated to a myriad of talent performed over a 12-day period. Those who've seen concerts at the fair in years past have expressed their enthusiasm for the quality promised at this year's fair.

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"I saw Steve Miller Band two years ago at the fair, and it was a great show because they didn't leave anything out," soil science senior Ted Richardson said. "To be able to get rock legends that are the likes of those guys again is really remarkable."

"Stone Temple Pilots is going to be even better than Bob Dylan and Godsmack, who I saw at the fair last year," physics senior Topher Matthews agreed. "People will be waving beers and lighters in the air instead of the canes they were waving at the Dylan concert. I think everyone will be having a lot more fun."

A complete listing of the artists who will perform at the 2008 California Mid-State Fair can be found at midstatefair.com. Tickets for Steely Dan and Matchbox Twenty go on sale today at 10 a.m.

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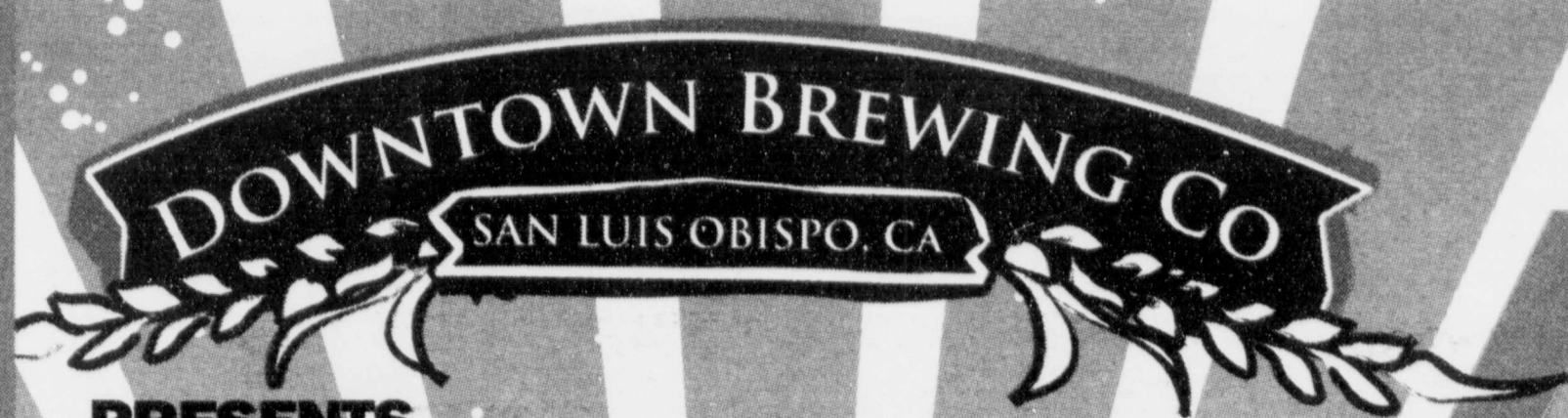
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Movie guide

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Baby Mama (PG-13) 96 min.	A-	Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear, Dax Shepard, Romany Malco, Maura Tierney, Holland Taylor, Sigourney Weaver; directed by Michael McCullers	Summary: Unable to get pregnant, successful businesswoman Kate Holbrook can't wait any longer to have a baby. But when she hires a surrogate mother, she gets more than she bargained for. The Good: The Fey/Poehler duo is dynamite, but the supporting actors make the film even stronger. The Bad: Unsurprisingly, a plausible main character in the company of completely unrealistic people. (Kristen Marshall)
Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) 144 min.	—	Ben Barnes, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Georgie Henley; directed by Andrew Adamson	Summary: In the second installment of C.S. Lewis's fantasy, the Pevensie siblings find themselves again in Narnia (1,300 years have passed) to help Prince Caspian, the kingdom's rightful heir, overthrow his evil uncle. The Good: Retains some of the charm of the first film but with carefully thought out meditations thrown in. The Bad: For those especially attached to the book, the film version might be a disappointment (of course). (RottenTomatoes.com)
Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed (PG) 90 min.	—	Ben Stein, Jason Collett; directed by Nathan Frankowski	Summary: In this documentary Ben Stein travels the world in search of scientists and scholars being discriminated against for their lack of faith in Darwinism, revealing the misfortunes they encounter. The Good: Addresses an interesting aspect of the evolution vs. creation debate. The Bad: Strong bias and lack of factual evidence does little to further Stein's argument. (Metacritic.com)
Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) 111 min.	B+	Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, Bill Hader, Russell Brand, Jonah Hill, Paul Rudd, Liz Cackowski; directed by Nicholas Stoller	Summary: After being dumped by his girlfriend of five-and-a-half years, Peter Bretter (Segel) escapes to Hawaii. But in a sick turn of fate, Sarah (Bell) and her new beau happen to be staying at the same resort. The Good: Clever one-liners and awkward situational humor in this "ultimate romantic disaster" movie. The Bad: If you don't like full-frontal male nudity, be sure to close your eyes (four times). (Janelle Eastridge)
Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) 102 min.	B+	John Cho, Kal Penn, Rob Corddry, Roger Bart, Neil Patrick Harris, Kal Penn, Rob Corddry, and Roger Bart; directed by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg	Summary: After Kumar's bong is mistaken for a bomb on an international flight, he and Harold are thrown into and escape Guantanamo Bay. Their subsequent life on the run yields random adventures. The Good: Running jokes from the first movie, political (mixed with pot) humor, unicorns and NPH. The Bad: Don't see it if you're easily offended by anything. It pushes the R-rated envelope. (Giana Magnoli)
Iron Man (PG-13) 126 min.	B+	Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow, Leslie Bibb, Shaun Toub, Faran Tahir; directed by Jon Favreau	Summary: Robert Downey Jr. plays Tony Stark, a brilliant head of a large weapons company who creates a suit of metal to get out of the desert after being taken hostage. Gwyneth Paltrow plays his sassy assistant. The Good: The acting and special effects are stellar. The Bad: The plot lacks much forward movement. (Christina Casci)
Jellyfish (NR) 78 min.	—	Sarah Adler, Tsipor Aizen, Bruria Albek, Ilanit Ben-Yaakov, Assi Dayan; directed by Shira Geffen and Etgar Keret	Summary: Jellyfish tells the story of three very different Tel Aviv women, each struggling with different issues, whose intersecting stories weave an unlikely portrait of modern Israeli life. The Good: Highly cinematic, with a good balance between existential loneliness and magical whimsy. The Bad: Though some may find the film clever, it might strike others as slightly too precious. (Metacritic.com)
Made of Honor (PG-13) 101 min.	B-	Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin McKidd, Kathleen Quinlan, Sydney Pollack; directed by Paul Weiland	Summary: Tom and Hannah have been best friends since an awkward college encounter. Ten years later, Tom realizes he's in love with Hannah when she leaves for Scotland — and returns engaged. The Good: Cute moments and clever jokes with a guaranteed happily ever after. The Bad: Full of cliches and very predictable. Plus, Dempsey plays a very unconvincing man's man. (Kristen Marshall)
Speed Racer (PG) 129 min.	—	Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci, John Goodman, Susan Sarandon, Matthew Fox; directed by Andy and Larry Wachowski	Summary: A natural behind the wheel, Speed Racer turns down an offer to join Royalton Industries, which wants to increase its profits. He participates in the racing world's pinnacle event against stiff competition. The Good: At its best, the film is buoyant pop entertainment focused on speed, racing and cool colors. The Bad: A so-so storyline with minimal character development. (Metacritic.com)
The Visitor (PG-13) 103 min.	—	Richard Jenkins, Oliver Bokelberg, Hiam Abbass, Maggie Moore; directed by Thomas McCarthy	Summary: The film follows Walter Vale, a disillusioned Connecticut economics professor, as he is transformed by a chance encounter and newfound connections in New York City. The Good: The film goes more or less where you think it will, but still manages to surprise. The Bad: Afraid to take a political stand, the film seems to avoid hard-hitting questions. (Metacritic.com)
What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) 99 min.	—	Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Treat Williams, Dennis Farina; directed by Tom Vaughan	Summary: After a rowdy weekend in Los Vegas, strangers Jack Fuller (Kutcher) and Joy McNally (Diaz) find themselves hitched, then must try to survive six months of "wedding bliss" to keep their Vegas earnings. The Good: An exceedingly bright comedy with smart lines and superb comic acting. The Bad: The stars lack the classic sparring-but-meant-for-each-other mentality. (Metacritic.com)
The Year My Parents Went on Vacation (PG) 110 min.	—	Michael Joelsas, Daniela Piepszyk, Liliana Castro; directed by Cao Hamburger	Summary: In Brazil's 2007 Oscar contribution, a young boy is separated from his parents, who are forced to leave the country because of political turmoil, and moves to a Jewish neighborhood. The Good: Poignant and surprisingly tender at times. Plus, the film's climax is definitely worthwhile. The Bad: A film about a childhood trauma presented in a timid and sanitized manner. (RottenTomatoes.com)
Young@Heart (PG) 110 min.	—	The Young@Heart vocal group; directed by Stephen Walker	Summary: A documentary tracking the progress of the Young@Heart vocal group, comprised of elderly men and women who sing covers of songs by Bob Dylan, The Clash and others, as they prepare for a major gig. The Good: An enjoyable film with a built-in cute factor (70- and 80-somethings singing good music). The Bad: Some claim it "reeks of commercial calculation" and lacks the grit of the group it follows. (RottenTomatoes.com)

FRIDAY SHOWTIMES

Downtown Centre Cinema

Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian 2:45, 3:45, 6:00, 7:00, 9:15, 10:15

What Happens in Vegas 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Made of Honor 2:10, 4:30, 6:55, 9:45

Iron Man 1:45, 3:00, 4:30, 5:45, 7:15, 9:00, 10:15

Baby Mama 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20

Sunset Drive-In

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Palm Theatre

Jellyfish 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

The Visitor 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

The Year My Parents Went on Vacation 7:00, 9:15

Young@Heart 4:15

Fremont Theatre

Speed Racer 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Forgetting Sarah Marshall 4:15, 7:15, 9:45

Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

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Clockwise: "Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian," "The Visitor" and "What Happens in Vegas" are all playing today.

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"It just kind of reeked of sex and I couldn't even finish my bagel!"

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Gas tax holiday: A little break from common sense

As the presidential primary season drags on long after most expected it to end, potential nominees continue to duke it out for the critical remaining delegates. The Democratic race is still up in the air, and Obama and Clinton are slowly inching up toward the 2,025 delegates needed to clinch the nomination. As if on queue, the price of oil has also begun its yearly ascent.

American summers have always been marked by steep oil prices, but recent record-setting highs have prompted presidential candidates to make the issue of oil availability a central point of their campaigns. Both John McCain and Hillary Clinton have proposed a "summer gas tax holiday" to alleviate the painful price crunch of the coming months. This article will focus on Clinton's plan, since it is one of the most pronounced policy differences between her and her rival, Barack Obama.

Clinton envisions a period from Memorial Day to Labor Day during which the federal excise tax on fuel would be suspended. This move would save consumers 18.4 cents for each gallon of gas they purchase and 24.4 cents for each gallon of diesel. According to Barack Obama, who opposes the plan, the average American driver could expect to save about \$30 over the summer. But \$30 is not going to solve any real problems. If implemented, the plan will almost certainly do more harm than good.

Environmentalists oppose the idea because it might encourage motorists to use more gasoline. A reduction in the price of fuel could result in increased carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere. This would have an adverse effect on the stability of our climate. We should not create the illusion that oil is easily obtained, that it is inexpensive, or that it is OK to burn more of it than we already do. We simply do not have enough oil to enact policies that discourage conservation. The plan is a terrible idea from an environmental perspective.

Just as troublesome as the possible damage to our environment are the potential implications of the plan for roadway infrastructure around

the United States. The Federal Highway Trust Fund is the primary recipient of fuel tax revenue. The fund distributes tax money from fuel purchases to state and local authorities to build and maintain transportation infrastructure across the United States. Clinton's gas tax holiday would divert billions from the fund. She claims this revenue could be recaptured by imposing a "windfall profits tax" on oil companies. Unless she can get her tax policy from the drawing board onto paper and past legislators in record time, the highway construction industry could stand to lose a great deal of funding. That money is crucial to the safety of American motorists. Industry insiders estimate that thousands of highway construction jobs could also be lost.

Environmentalists and people who enjoy driving on roads are not the only ones who have taken issue with Clinton's proposal. Many economists have also voiced their strong disapproval in the past few weeks. If the windfall profits tax were to be imposed, experts argue that oil companies would make up the money lost in taxes by charging more for petroleum products. That means it is likely the windfall profits tax would result in even higher profits for oil companies!

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, of Clinton's own home state, called the proposed gas tax holiday "about the dumbest thing I've heard in an awful long time, from an economic point of view." When recently asked if she could name an economist in support of her plan, Hillary responded, "I'm not going to put my lot in with economists."

Clinton's proposed gas tax holiday is a clear case of election year pandering. If the tax holiday were to take place, it would increase profits for oil companies, rob funding from American highway and bridge projects, and encourage increased carbon dioxide emissions. Oh yeah, it might also save you \$30 this summer.

Thanks, Hillary.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Justice, peace for both sides

On Monday, a 70-year-old woman was killed in Israel's southern Negev region when one of three Qassam rockets fired from Gaza by Hamas hit a house.

On May 10, Jimmy Kedoshim, 48, was also killed in Kfar Aza in southern Israel when a mortar shell fired by Hamas landed on his front lawn as he was gardening.

Most people probably did not hear about these because no one shouted "massacre, massacre." After all, it is the Israelis who die. Who cares?

The Students for Peace and Justice in the Middle East and their adviser have declared this week Palestinian Awareness Week, with films, speeches and a Wall of Oppression on Dexter Lawn. What they have not done is any justice to either side of this issue.

They always treat the Palestinians as victims, where everything that happens to them is someone else's fault. So long as the Palestinians are treated this way, and as long as they are not held responsible for what they do, or do not do, there will be no peace and no justice in the Middle East.

Similarly, for them, Israel is always at fault. If terrorists wear an explosive belt, packed with ball bearings and nails, and explode themselves in buses, at Passover seders and weddings, and in pizza parlors and university diners,

and Israel, in response, builds a wall to keep them out, it is solely Israel's fault. If Palestinians launch more than 6,000 Qassam rockets into the civilian areas of Israel, intending to inflict maximum damage onto civilians, it is still Israel's fault when she responds.

Even though the Jews and Israelis have been the subjects of unbelievable atrocities the world over, they accuse Israel of any and every bad deed any nation has ever done, including racism, war crimes, apartheid, Nazism and many more.

What is sad is that by eliminating any reference to the opposite side of the equation, they delegitimize Israel, teach others to hate one people, and advocate the destruction of Israel.

Unfortunately, there are many young students on this campus who only see this side and believe in this rhetoric. It is unfortunate but true. No one can stop this group and their faculty associates from teaching hate. But they can learn on their own and study the subject by considering the real causes of hate and injustice, not what these people say.

Justice should be for both people, and peace is between two people, not just for one. Think about it.

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You are absolutely correct. Free music on iTunes is the best thing since sliced bread. I discovered Sara Bareilles' "Love song" which was available as a free download in June 2007. The same song debuted on radio months later.

— Haroun Idris
Response to "The beauty of free music"

I hope to God this column is continued somehow next year even though Sean is graduating. It's been hilarious and clever and I never fail to read Thursday's paper!

— Arly Davies
Response to "Tit for Tat: Into the mailbox"

Great article! However, one thing that this article failed to mention is the difference in the frozen yogurts the two businesses sell. Yogurt Creations brings the tart yogurt and sorbet fad to San Luis Obispo — a trend made HUGE by establishments like Pinkberry in SoCal, or Frozo and Yogurtland in NorCal. Bali's offers the more traditional, sweeter frozen yogurts that are normally served at places like TCBY. While Yogurt Creations does introduce some heavy competition for Bali's, it'll all come down to the customers' taste buds — tart or sweet?

— Patricia
Response to "New yogurt shop brings competition to downtown"



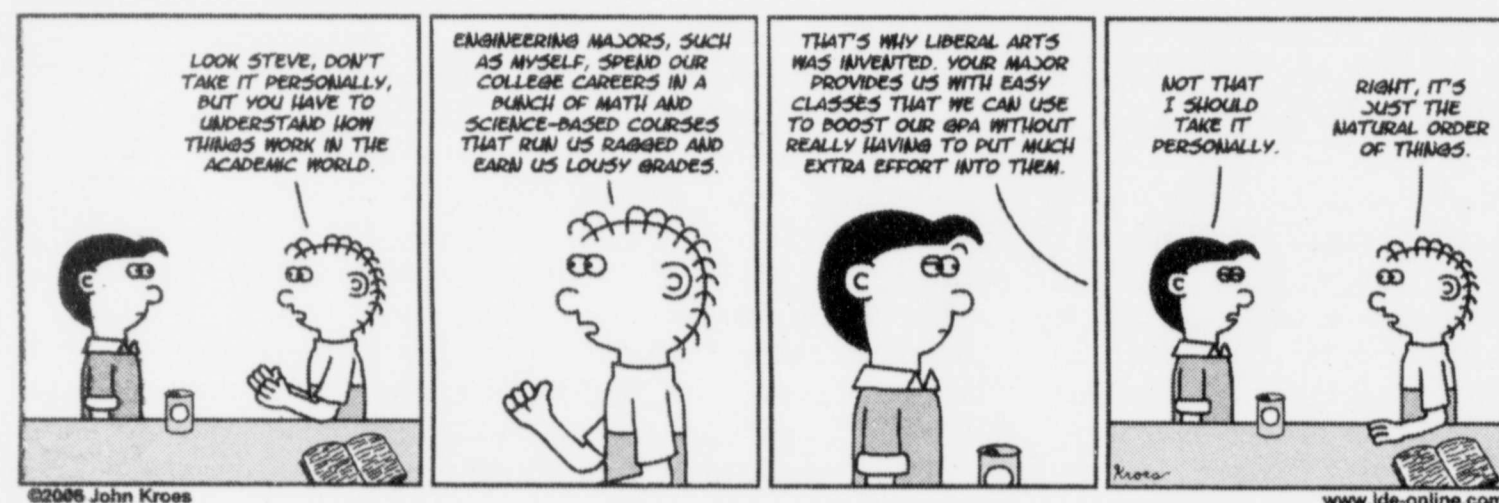
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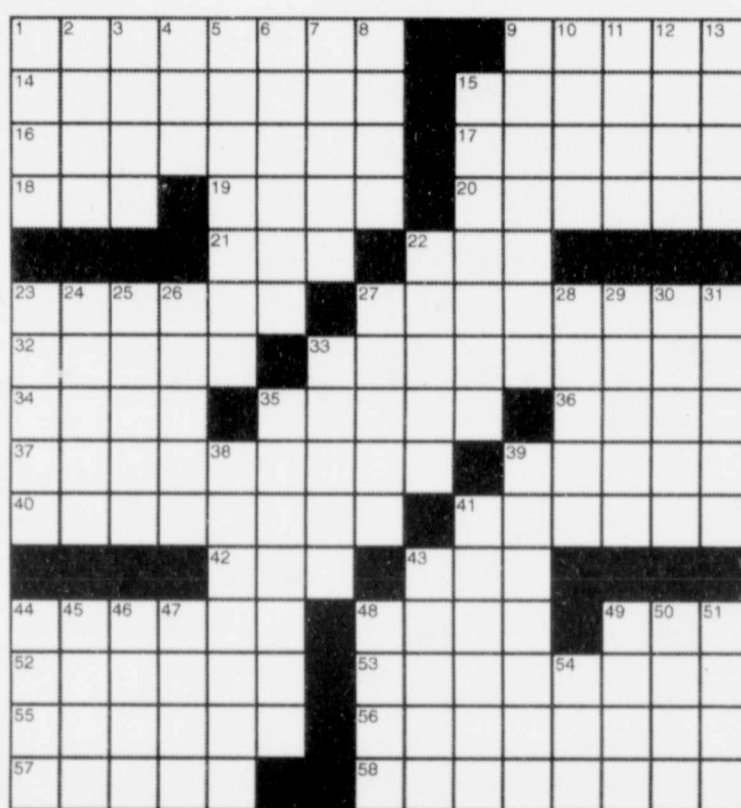
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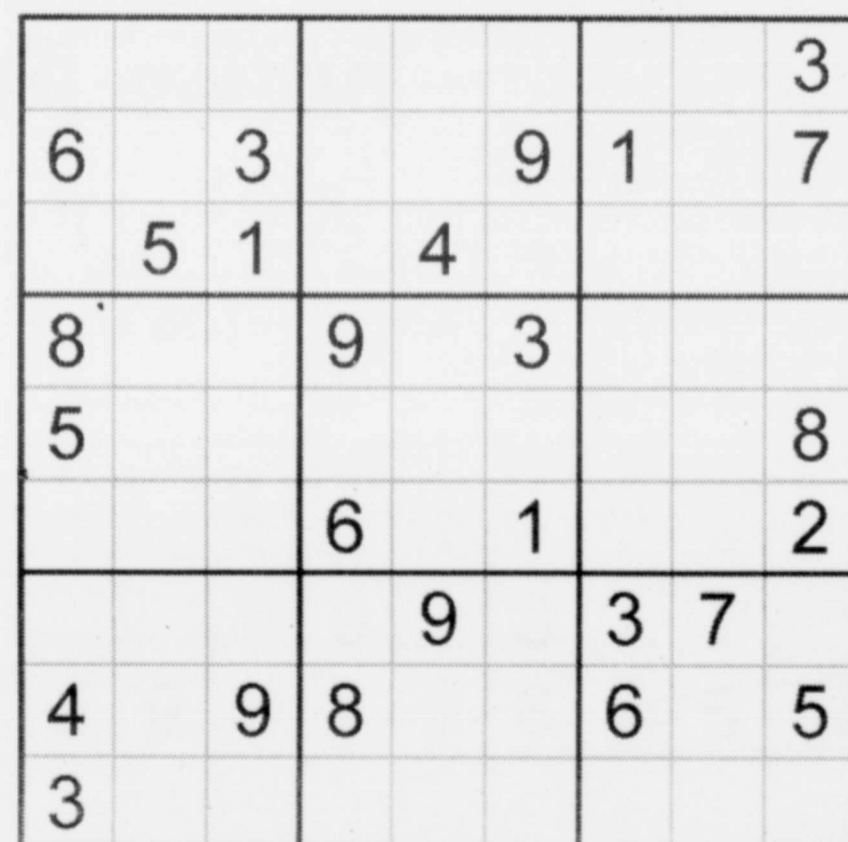
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Football

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"was way bigger."

Ellerson said Cal Poly, which generally doesn't seek transfers, may have appeared in the report due to simply being one of the few FCS programs in the West.

"That was probably someone just speculating," he said.

In 2007, then-junior quarterback Jonathan Dally helmed a Cal Poly offense that finished second in the FCS in total yards per game, with 487.1, trailing only national champion Appalachian State's 488.3.

Along the way, Dally completed 54 percent of his 192 passes for 2,238 yards and 29 touchdowns with five interceptions. He finished second in the country in passing efficiency — behind only San Diego's Josh Johnson, drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the fifth round of April's NFL draft — and rushed for team highs of 763 yards and 12 scores.

Five of the Mustangs' 16 acquisi-

tions announced Feb. 6 to open the regular signing period had prep experience at quarterback, including Andre Broadous, a 6-foot, 190-pounder from Grant High in Portland, Ore. and Doug Shumway, a 6-0, 175-pounder hailing from Agoura High in Westlake Village.

Broadous, Oregon's 2008 Class 6A Offensive Player of the Year characterized Feb. 6 by Ellerson as a "perfect, ideal" fit, amassed 44 touchdown passes and ran for 35 more scores in his final two prep campaigns. As a senior, he completed 62.7 percent of his passes for 2,064 yards.

Shumway, meanwhile, called by Ellerson the "most finished product as a passer in (the) class," connected on 65 percent of his passes for 2,023 yards and 19 touchdowns with six

interceptions as a senior.

Both are expected to redshirt in 2008.

No longer in the Mustangs' quarterback picture is Matt Brennan, who is no longer with the team, Ellerson said Thursday.

Brennan, who started 10 times in 2006 before backing up Dally this past season, was listed as inactive April 5 for the Mustangs' annual spring game, after which Ellerson declined to comment on his absence.

A phone message left Thursday for Brennan was not returned.

Cal Poly announced Thursday three additions to its most recent recruiting class, now comprised of 19.

The newest members are Reece Ludwig, a fullback and linebacker of Laguna Hills High who signed a national letter of intent; Harlan Prather, a quarterback and punter of Cabrillo College who accepted a financial aid grant; and Neil Tidwell, a quarterback, punter and defensive back of Hancock College who was invited as a walk-on and formally

admitted into Cal Poly.

Ludwig, a 6-1, 220-pounder, averaged 5.8 yards per carry while rushing for 631 yards and eight touchdowns last season.

As a senior, the All-Pacific Coast League First Team honoree — who in 2007 was named to the All-Nike Camp in Eugene, Ore. — added more than 100 tackles, the second year in a row he had made the defensive contribution.

The 6-0, 210-pound Prather, an All-Coast Conference selection, completed 52 percent of his 199 passes for 1,448 yards and 18 touchdowns with six interceptions in his second college season. He rushed for 247 yards and four touchdowns, and chipped in 37.8 yards per punt.

Tidwell, a 5-11, 205-pound Atascadero native, made 45 tackles, forced two fumbles and picked off a pair of passes as a safety in 2007, when he earned All-Western State Conference Second Team distinction a year after being named to the first team.

The Mustangs open their season Aug. 30 at San Diego State.

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Top-ranked Cal Poly men are Chris Frazier (in the 400-meter hurdles), Joe Gatel (1,500) and Kevin Jones (pole vault), while top-three Mustangs include Tre'dale Tolver (100), Evan Anderson (1,500), Carl Dargitz (5-k and steeplechase), Joey Hauser (triple jump) and Chris White (shot put).

Cal Poly, though, which has had 14 competitors already qualify at the West Regional level, shouldn't get overconfident, Crawford stressed.

"We're certainly going in as an underdog, I think, on both the men's and women's sides," she said of facing the "team to beat," host Cal State Northridge, a defending champion on both the men's and women's sides. "The rest of the conference schools are all going to just be sort of grabbing for every point we can get."

Baseball

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threw it to second base."

The streak was the longest by Cleveland's starters since Bob Lemon, Gene Bearden, Sam Zoldak and Satchel Paige strung together 47 scoreless innings in August 1948 — all threw complete game shutouts. It was the longest by a major league team in one season since a 54-inning streak by Baltimore's starters from Sept. 1-7, 1974, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Jhonny Peralta homered for the Indians, who on Wednesday moved into the AL Central lead for the first time since the opening week of the season.

Oakland has lost five of six after winning four straight.

"We've run into some pitching," A's manager Bob Geren said. "We've played good defense and pitched very well. We just haven't scored any runs."

The A's loaded the bases with one out in the ninth against Rafael Betancourt. Masa Kobayashi relieved and threw a run-scor-

ing wild pitch, then struck out pinch-hitter Mike Sweeney, who pumped a fist in frustration. Kobayashi then fanned pinch-hitter Ryan Sweeney for his second save in two chances.

Indians manager Eric Wedge pulled Betancourt because he was having trouble with his location. Betancourt gave up three runs Tuesday against Toronto and took the Indians' only loss during the homestand.

Wedge said he hadn't yet thought about whether Kobayashi, who had 227 saves in nine seasons in Japan, would replace Betancourt as Cleveland's closer.

Rookie Greg Smith (2-3) gave up three runs, seven hits and three walks in 4 2/3 innings, striking out seven. He has lost three straight decisions.

"I was inconsistent. The fastball would locate sometimes, other times it wasn't there," Smith said. "The next thing I know I am at 100 pitches."

Ryan Garko's RBI double in the first was offset by the unearned run, which ended a streak of 24 scoreless innings for the A's in Cleveland.

Ben Francisco and Travis Hafner put Cleveland ahead 3-1 with RBI singles in the third, and Peralta homered in the seventh off Santiago Casilla, who left after facing only one batter. Casilla has a strain in his elbow area and will be checked out Friday in Atlanta, Geren said.

Dodgers 7, Brewers 2

MILWAUKEE — Andrew Jones, Jeff Kent and Gary Bennett homered during a six-run seventh inning, leading Chad Billingsley and the Dodgers past Milwaukee.

After Jones and Kent hit solo shots, Bennett capped the burst with a three-run homer.

Billingsley (3-5) didn't allow a hit until Brewers starter Ben Sheets, a career .078 hitter, singled with two outs in the fifth. Billingsley gave up three hits and struck out five.

Sheets (4-1) allowed six runs off nine hits. He had five strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings to end the first 4-0 start of his career.

Cubs 4, Padres 0

CHICAGO — Ryan Dempster struck out a career-high 12 and

hit a go-ahead single against Greg Maddux during a four-run fifth inning, leading Chicago over the punchless Padres.

Jim Edmonds singled in his debut with the Cubs, who won three of four from the team with the worst record in the major leagues (15-27). NL Central-leading Chicago has won six of seven.

Dempster (5-1) allowed six hits in 8 1/3 innings and walked one, leaving after 115 pitches. He retired 15 straight batters after a first-inning single by Brian Giles, who had three hits.

Maddux (3-4), who entered the major leagues with the Cubs in 1986, made what might have been his final start at Wrigley Field. He allowed four runs and 11 hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Astros 8, Giants 7

SAN FRANCISCO — Lance Berkman splashed his major league-leading 15th home run into McCovey Cove, breaking a ninth-inning tie and helping Houston rally past the Giants.

Houston came back from a 6-0 deficit to take three of four from the Giants, its first series win at

San Francisco since a three-game sweep in September 2001.

Pinch-hitter Darin Erstad hit a tying, three-run homer in the eighth and Carlos Lee also homered in the inning off Tyler Walker, who faltered on his 32nd birthday. Berkman connected off Vinnie Chulk (0-2) for the first splash-hit homer by an Astro.

Tim Lincecum (2-0) got two outs for the win and Jose Valverde struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 11th save in 14 opportunities. Byrdak hasn't allowed a run in 11 outings.

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Day leads Cal Poly into final weekend of Big West Championships

Cal Poly women's and men's squads each looking for first conference titles since moving to Division I in 1994

Donovan Aird

MUSTANG DAILY

Last weekend she made history, but Sharon Day isn't content stopping there.

The Cal Poly senior broke the Big West Conference heptathlon record while winning the title May 10 at Cal State Northridge, lifting the Mustangs women to a 19-15 lead heading into the main events today and Saturday.

Her 5,642 points not only automatically qualified at the national championship level, but edged Idaho's Manuela Kurat 2005 conference total of 5,614, and shattered the Cal Poly mark of 5,412, set in 1987 by Sharon Hanson, who became one of eight Olympians in Mustangs history.

Upon renewing competition at the Matador Track Complex, though, Day will still be looking to achieve the Olympic "A" standard in the high jump, and the rest of the Cal Poly track and field team will be striving for its first conference titles — on the women's and men's sides — since moving to Division I in 1994.

"It's really important," Day said of establishing the early advantage over an "intimidating" Cal State Northridge.

In her final season at Cal Poly, Day seems to feel an even more palpable sense of immediacy than in the past.

"Being a senior, I guess, you start to realize my time as a Cal Poly athlete is really coming to an end," she said. "And I want to get the best out of my teammates."

It hasn't gone unnoticed.

"She's chosen to be an outspoken leader this year," said Terry Crawford, Cal Poly's director, of Day's effort to "guide and challenge" her teammates. "She's taken on a new dimension."

In spite of her heptathlon achievement, Day says she'll likely save her best at mid-June's nationals for her No. 1 event, the high jump.

"I don't know that I will be competing in the heptathlon at nationals, because it'd be very difficult to try the high jump (two days) after that," she explained.

With a season-best clearance of 6 feet, 2 3/4 inches at the Mt. SAC Relays on April 20, Day is still in search of a 6-4 3/4 mark that would meet the Olympic "A" standard, which would substantially improve her prospects of competing on behalf of the United States at the 2008 Summer Games.

"I've had really good attempts, and I feel it's definitely attainable this season," she said of reaching the standard "any given day, (at) any given meet."

Crawford is also optimistic about the chances of Day and Cal Poly as a whole.

"Over the last several years, as we've had our athletes really do well at multi-event (competition), it seems like that really sets the tone for the whole team going into the conference meet the next weekend," she said.

Also placing for the Mustangs on May 10 were Katie Robbins and Sara Klein, who took fourth and fifth in the heptathlon, and Corbin Duer, who came in seventh in the decathlon.

Besides Day, whose marks rest atop the conference in the high jump and long jump, triple jumper Jessica Eggleston is the only Cal Poly woman entering today ranked No. 1 in the conference in an event.

Mustangs ranked second are Jasmine Pickett (in the long and triple jumps) and Julieann Dufresne (shot put and discus).

19-15

The lead established by the Cal Poly women at Cal State Northridge last weekend during the Big West multi-event championships



BEN ROZAK MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly senior Sharon Day, shown in a dual meet against UC Santa Barbara on May 3, has the Big West's best marks in the high jump and long jump.

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football

Ellerson: Perrilloux report not true, Brennan off team

Donovan Aird *

MUSTANG DAILY

Contrary to a report of an Alabama newspaper, Cal Poly had no interest in former LSU quarterback Ryan Perrilloux, Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said Thursday.

"That's news to me," Ellerson said of the Thursday report by The Anniston Star of Anniston, Ala.

The report named Cal Poly as one of "approximately two-dozen schools" interested in Perrilloux, widely considered the top quarterback prospect in the country while at East St. John High School in Reserve, La.

He was dismissed earlier this month from national champion LSU following several off-the-field transgressions before signing Wednesday to transfer to Jacksonville State, which he is reportedly expected to join June 1 with two years of eligibility remaining.

Because he'll now be playing at the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) level, Perrilloux will be able to play immediately.



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Former LSU quarterback Ryan Perrilloux, shown Dec. 1, 2007 after winning MVP of the SEC Championship, transferred Wednesday to Jacksonville State, where he'll be able to play immediately.

In addition to Cal Poly, other FCS schools named in the report as displaying interest in the passer were Alabama A&M, Jackson State, Alabama State, Alcorn State and Chattanooga.

Jacksonville State head coach

Jack Crowe told The Anniston Star that "there were only a few schools (he'd) seen printed" as having interest in the signal caller, but he knew "the list of real schools," which

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Indians sweep A's, scoreless streak ends

Joe Milicia

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CLEVELAND — It wasn't even a bad pitch that ended the Cleveland Indians' scoreless streak.

An unearned run against Aaron Laffey on his own throwing error halted the starting rotation's run of 44 1/3 consecutive shut-out innings, but didn't interrupt their string of dominant outings.

Laffey pitched the Indians to a 4-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Thursday, completing a three-game sweep and giving the surging Indians eight victories in 10 games.

"When you talk about five guys — to do it day in and day out it's impressive," Laffey said. "It's just been an incredible week of starting pitching for us."

Cleveland completed a 6-1 homestand in which it allowed runs in just four of 64 innings. The starters went 6-0 with a 0.16 ERA and haven't allowed an earned run in 50 1/3 innings.

In the rotation because of an

injury to Jake Westbrook, Laffey (2-2) allowed just the unearned run and five hits in seven innings, struck out six and walked one. He lowered his ERA to 1.35 and has gone seven innings in each of his last three starts without giving up an earned run.

Cleveland's scoreless streak, which began last Friday, ended in the second when Laffey charged Rob Bowen's weak grounder and threw it into right field, allowing Bobby Crosby to score from second.

"When it's an error like, that it's kind of disappointing, especially to break a streak like that," Laffey said. "I had a lot more time than I thought I did. I just kind of rushed and let go of the ball too early. It went flying; I almost

44 1/3

The amount of innings Cleveland Indians starting pitchers had held opponents scoreless — a streak that ended Thursday

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